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For: METHOD FOR EXTRACTING  
NITROCRESOLS FROM WASTE WATER  
PRODUCED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF  
MONONITROTOLUENE AND USE OF SAID  
EXTRACT

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3

**Remarks** begin on page 6.